

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

INTRODUCED BY WANZENRIED

BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT LEGISLATORS-ELECT ARE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES FOR AUTHORIZED PRESESSION ACTIVITY; AMENDING SECTION 5-2-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-2-203, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-203. Compensation and expenses -- definition. (1) Members of the legislature attending the presession caucus, provided for in 5-2-201, and legislative orientation and training are entitled to receive compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302. The legislative services division shall place the members on the payroll roster, provided for in 2-18-404, in order to pay the compensation and expenses.

(2) While engaged in presession business, members nominated to serve as officers of the legislature and members of the committees named in 5-2-202 are entitled to receive compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302.

(3) As used in this section:

(A) "HOLDOVER SENATOR" MEANS A SENATOR WHO WAS NOT REQUIRED TO SEEK ELECTION AT THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE PRESESSION CAUCUS; AND

(B) "member" means a holdover senator, senator-elect, or representative-elect WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THE ENSUING LEGISLATIVE SESSION."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Retroactive applicability. [This act] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to November 2, 2004.

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